

MATH 4330 –Final Exam guideline

A. State the followings (30%)

1.

Theorem 5. The Division Algorithm *If a and b are integers such that $b > 0$, then there exist unique integers q and r such that $a = bq + r$ where $0 \leq r < b$.*

2.

Theorem 22. *1. If a, b, c and m are integers such that $m > 0$, $d = (m, c)$ and $ac \equiv bc \pmod{m}$, then $a \equiv b \pmod{m/d}$.*

2. If $(m, c) = 1$ then $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ if $ac \equiv bc \pmod{m}$.

3.

Theorem 23. *If*

$$a \equiv b \pmod{m_1}, a \equiv b \pmod{m_2}, \dots, a \equiv b \pmod{m_t}$$

where $a, b, m_1, m_2, \dots, m_t$ are integers and m_1, m_2, \dots, m_t are positive, then

$$a \equiv b \pmod{\langle m_1, m_2, \dots, m_t \rangle}$$

4.

Theorem 27. *The system of congruences*

$$x \equiv b_1 \pmod{n_1},$$

$$x \equiv b_2 \pmod{n_2},$$

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$$x \equiv b_t \pmod{n_t},$$

has a unique solution modulo $N = n_1 n_2 \dots n_t$ if n_1, n_2, \dots, n_t are pairwise relatively prime positive integers.

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Theorem 28. *Let p be a prime. A positive integer m is its own inverse modulo p if and only if p divides $m + 1$ or p divides $m - 1$.*

6.

Theorem 39. Let $n = p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} \dots p_s^{a_s}$ be the prime factorization of n . Then

$$\phi(n) = n \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_1}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_2}\right) \dots \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_s}\right).$$

7.

Theorem 58. If the positive integer m has a primitive root, then it has a total of $\phi(\phi(m))$ incongruent primitive roots.

8.

Theorem 60. Consider the prime p and let $p - 1 = kn$ for some integer k . Then $x^n - 1$ has exactly n incongruent roots modulo p .

9.

Theorem 68. If $p \neq 2$ is a prime, then there are exactly $(p - 1)/2$ quadratic residues modulo p and $(p - 1)/2$ quadratic nonresidues modulo p in the set of integers $1, 2, \dots, p - 1$.

10.

Theorem 69. Euler's Criterion Let $p \neq 2$ be a prime and let a be a positive integer such that $p \nmid a$. Then

$$\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) \equiv a^{\phi(p)/2} \pmod{p}.$$

11.

Theorem 71. Let $p \neq 2$ be a prime. Let a and b be integers such that $p \nmid a$, $p \nmid b$ then

$$\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) \left(\frac{b}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{ab}{p}\right)$$

12.

Lemma 14. If $p \neq 2$ is a prime and a is an odd integer such that $p \nmid a$, then

$$\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) = (-1)^{\sum_{i=1}^{(p-1)/2} [ia/p]}.$$

13.

Theorem 73. The Law of Quadratic Reciprocity Let p and q be distinct odd primes. Then

$$\left(\frac{p}{q}\right) \left(\frac{q}{p}\right) = (-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2} \cdot \frac{q-1}{2}}$$

B. Proofs (70%)

14.

Show that if n is an odd integer then 8 divides $m^3 - 1$.

15.

Show that if $ac \mid bc$, then $a \mid b$.

16.

If n is an integer, show that $n(n-1)(2n-1)$ is divisible by 6.

17.

If 2 and 3 are not factors of n^2 , show that $n^2 + 23$ is divisible by 24.

18.

Show that $3n^2 - 1$ is not a square for any integer n .

19.

Show that if a and b are relatively prime integers, then $(a+2b, 2a+b) = 1$ or 3.

20.

Show that if a and b are positive integers where a is even and b is odd, then $(a, b) = (a/2, b)$.

21.

Show that if a, b, m and n are integers such that m and n are positive, $n \mid m$ and $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$, then $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$.

22.

Show that if \bar{a} is the inverse of a modulo m and \bar{b} is the inverse of b modulo m , then $\bar{a}\bar{b}$ is the inverse of ab modulo m .

23.

Let r be a primitive root of p with $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$. Show that $-r$ is also a primitive root.

24.

Show that if p is a prime and $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, then there is an integer x such that $x^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$.

25.

Find all integers that leave a remainder of 1 when divided by 2, a remainder of 2 when divided by 3 and a remainder of 3 when divided by 5.

26.

Show that the integer n has a primitive root if and only if the only solutions of the congruence $x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ are $x \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{n}$.

27.

Find a congruence describing all primes for which 5 is a quadratic residue.